(b) A formal agreement has since been signed by the Government with their Associations, which is under implementation.

Security belt along Western borders

251. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create security belt along the Western borders with Pakistan without delay;

(b) whether Government also propose to seek assistance of Army to help the civil administration in the Mand area;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure speedy implementation of these plans; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Government have no proposal in this regard under consideration.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Calcutta Corporation Elections

252. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been apprised of the unprecedental violence and rigging in recent Calcutta Corporation elections by the ruling party in West Bengal in connivance with the anti-social elements and hired goondas;

(b) whether the Central Government have sought any report from the State Government about the charges; and

(c) whether Government propose to hold an independent inquiry into the matter and cancel the elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government of India.

Postage stamp on the birth centenary of late Shri T. B. Cuncha

253. SRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to release postage stamp on the birth centenary of late Shri T. B. Cunha, the great Goan Nationalist and Freedom Fighter on the 2nd April, 1991; and

(b) whether Government have received any proposal from the Goa Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. A proposal was received for the issue of a special stamp and was placed before the Philatelic Advisory Committee for consideration at its meeting held on 6-8-90. The proposal could not figure among those recommended by the Committee.

Steamer service between Bombay and Goa

254. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to resume the Steamer Service between Goa and Bombay after this monsoon;

(b) if so, the number of vessels to be commissioned from S.C.I.; and